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ACTION STR FOR WOLFF AND GREENWALD

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: ETRD GATT MTN
SUBJ: FRAMEWORK GROUP MEETING: EC ENABLING CLAUSE PROPOSAL

REF: A. STATE 139097, B. BRUSSELS 6198

1. WE REACHED LUYTEN LATE YESTERDAY TO CONVEY U.S. CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBILITY EC WOULD FORMALLY PROPOSE AN ENABLING CLAUSE FOR SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR LDCS AT UPCOMING FRAMEWORK GROUP (FG) MEETING. WE REQUESTED THAT EC DELAY MAKING ANY PROPOSAL AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER U.S./EC BILATERALS WHERE WE WOULD EXPECT TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FURTHER.

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2. IN TESTY RESPONSE, LUYTEN COMPLAINED THAT IF WE WERE THIS CONCERNED ABOUT THE EC PROPOSAL WE SHOULD HAVE LET HIM KNOW MUCH EARLIER. HE WONDERED (RHETORICALLY?) WHY WE DIDN'T JUST PROPOSE TO CANCEL THE MEETING.

3. WE REMINDED HIM THAT MTN DEL HAD RAISED SUCH CONCERNS SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, WHEN HE FIRST BRIEFED US, AND HE SHOULD

NOT BE SURPRISED THAT WASHINGTON HAD THESE CONCERNS ALSO. WE DID NOT AGREE WITH THE TACTICS OF GOING AS FAR AS THE EC APPARENTLY WISHED TO AT THIS EARLY STAGE OF THE FG NEGOTIATIONS. WHILE WE CONCURRED IN THE NOTION OF WARNING LDCS AT THE OUTSET THAT SOME OF THEIR S&D PROPOSALS WERE CLEARLY UNACCEPTABLE, WE STRONGLY DOUBTED THAT DCS SHOULD GO FURTHER AT THIS STAGE AND MAKE SPECIFIC POSITIVE S&D PROPOSALS IF THE MAIN OBJECTIVE WAS JUST TO HELP US CONTROL THE WORK IN FG. THAT APPROACH WOULD EASILY BACKFIRE.

4. LUYTEN CONTINUED TO ASSERT THE CORRECTNESS OF HIS TACTICS INSISTING THAT HTIS WAS "GATT, NOT CIEC OR UNCTAD" AND THAT WE COULD COUNT ON A NON-POLITICAL, BUSINESSLIKE APPROACH IF REAL PROPOSALS WERE ON THE TABLE. WE OPINED THAT WHATEVER INITIATIVE THE EC MIGHT TAKE AT THE FG MEETING, THE LEVEL OF OUR CONCERN WOULD BE DIRECTLY RELATED TO ITS DIRECTNESS AND LEVEL OF DETAIL. WE MUCH PREFERRED TO DISCUSS RAMIFICATIONS OF THE EC IDEAS INFORMALLY, AND IN AN OVERALL MTN CONTEXT SUCH AS THE MID-SUMMER BILATERALS WOULD PROVIDE. CULBERT

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